

after any vacancy in the respective appointments may occur.

Duties of cotton
weighers.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said cotton weighers to weigh all baled cotton sold in the city of Newbern at its true weight, making just and proper deduction for water or damage.

Oath.

SEC. 3. That said weighers before entering upon the duties of their office shall take the following oath before some justice of the peace: I,, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of cotton weigher, and that I will take no interest, near or remote, in buying or selling cotton in the city of Newbern.

Bond.

SEC. 4. That each of said weighers shall give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, payable to the state of North Carolina, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty; said bond shall be taken by the said commissioners and filed in the office of register of deeds of said county, and the said weighers shall receive as compensation for each bale weighed the sum of ten cents, one-half to be paid by the buyer and the other half by the seller.

Misdemeanor for
others to weigh
cotton.

SEC. 5. That any other person weighing cotton sold in the city of Newbern shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before any justice of the peace of Craven county, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Penalty.

Repeal of con-
flicting laws.

SEC. 6. That all laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Read three times in the general assembly, and ratified this the 11th day of February, A. D. 1881.